Externally aided Projects for Tripura

153. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Tripura has not received any externally aided project in the State so far despite several assurances; and

(b) whether proposals of the State Government for sanction of externally aided projects are under consideration of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No Sir. There is no State/Multistate Sector project under implementation in the State of Tripura. However, there are a number of Central Sector projects viz. National Leprosy Elimination, Malaria Control, Reproductive Child Health, Second National HIV/AIDS Control and the Rubber Development, in which the State of Tripura is one of the beneficiary States.

(b) There are two project proposals from the Government of Tripura for possible external assistance, namely, "State Road Project" and "Tripura Agricultural Development Project" which are at various stages of processing.

RBI Guidelines for Improving Conditions of Currency Notes

†154. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India have issued some guidelines to all the banks for improving conditions of currency notes and their maintenance;

(b) if so, what are these guideUnes and the reasons for not following the said guidelines by all the banks; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for improving the miserable conditions of the currency notes and what action Government propose to take against the erring banks?

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